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Casting About

It's really hot around these parts today... even the thermometer... standing in the shade of a potted chive plant... is 94... if someone comes to the door any day now... and leans on the stoop... and tells us... that... I am Tondeleyo... well... we'll believe it... and hustle out for the native witch doctor... and send a message... with the tom-tom... to the natives down the river... and tell them to send some help up the river... we've been on this rubber plantation too long... having had Rudyard Kipling in these parts some years ago... near Brattleboro to be exact... perhaps Gunga Din is still around... to lighten the white man's thirst... come to Mass... Mass is in a hot hot house... tote your three spigot goatkin water bag... you limping lump o' brick dust, Gunga Din... if this heat keeps up... we won't need the thermometer... we can just look at the potted chive plant... if it really gets too hot... you can always go out into

the garage... where it is cool... putter around... for example... you can start putting cross links in last winter's chains... that ought to be cool work... at least the thought is cool... or begin to sharpen up the bent edge on the snow shovel... or even back away at the roof for a little while... just to get the arm in shape... our office boy Algernon Shrubshop... is rather warm today... he was emptying out waste baskets... finally he got into one... and found that it was the coolest place in the house... we covered him with three layers of Osheterfield... this makes it cooler still... the saddest part about this heat is... the fact... that it spoils the whole day... I never thought it would happen to me... but I guess it must come to every man... once in a lifetime... my licorice gum drops have melted... put them in the icebox Mother... while I wait for Gunga Din.

Last Museum Opening Sunday, August 29

The final opening of the Museum of the Northfield Historical Society will come Sunday, August 29, from 3 to 5 p.m., admission free. The special feature this time will be a set of photographs taken by Mr. Levering, the donor, at the celebration of Northfield's 250th anniversary 25 years ago. Since the museum is not artificially heated, its openings are confined to warm weather. The Society wishes to thank the many friends who helped by giving food for their successful food sale.

Voice of the Turtle At Keene Theatre

Keene Summer Theater, Keene, N. H. — Tuesday thru Saturday, August 31 - September 4, "Voice of the Turtle" with Joyce Harris, Ann Tyrrell and David Brubaker.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- August 28 Auction on Unitarian Church Grounds. 2 p.m.
- August 29 Museum open for last time this season. 2 to 5 p.m.
- August 31 Rustic Ridge picnic at Mount Grace reservation in Warwick. 8 p.m. Bring your own lunch.
- September 7 Quarterly meeting of the Northfield Historical Society. 7:30 p.m. At the Museum.
- September 8 Garden Club Annual Meeting. Alexander Hall. 8 p.m.
- September 9 Northfield Forum. Town Hall. 8 p.m. Subject, "What is Democracy?"
- September 13 P.T.A. meeting. Alexander Hall. 8 p.m.
- September 16 VFW meeting. Grange Hall. 8:30 p.m.

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Legion Urges State Rent Control

A World War II veteran, Philip E. Cashman was elected as the new State Commander of the American Legion at the yearly convention in Worcester last week end.

The delegates passed resolutions calling for the end of all potential war materiel shipments to Russia, as well as restricting the travel of Russians in the United States so long as members of the U. S. Congress are prohibited from traveling in the Soviet Union. The convention also favored passage of the Mundt-Nixon Bill.

Resolutions were also approved urging the adoption of state rent control upon the expiration, next year, of federal rent controls. The convention also called for the enforcement of the laws affecting preference in promotion of veterans in the state civil service system.

Commander Richard Steenbruggen of the Haven H. Spencer Post, was a delegate to the convention.

Draft Age Men May Enlist for Service

M-Sgt. Jack C. Evans announced today that men of the draft age who desire to enlist must do so before being notified to report for pre-induction physical and mental examinations.

This means that voluntary enlistments may continue during the draft operation period, but the man must enlist before he receives his pre-induction notification.

Draft registrants will be given a minimum of three weeks between time of pre-induction examination and actual induction to settle all private affairs, but not more than 120 days may lapse without another examination.

Dr. Park in Pittsfield

On Sunday, August 22, Dr. William E. Park was guest speaker at Central Presbyterian Church in New York City. This Sunday, August 29, he will preach at First Church of Christ, Congregational, in Pittsfield.

Hunting Prohibited Sept. 20 to Oct. 20

A new law prohibiting all hunting for a month prior to the upland shooting season is now in effect. Director Robert H. Johnson of the state division of fisheries and game has warned. This law, Chapter 249 of the Acts of 1948, provides an absolute closed season on all wild birds and mammals and prohibits the possession of any and all firearms in any area where birds and mammals might be found during the 30-day period from Sept. 20 to the opening of the upland shooting season on Oct. 20.

However, exceptions are provided for 'coon and Scoter duck hunting. 'Coon may be hunted from October 10 to 20 by the aid and use of a pistol or revolver not larger than .38 calibre only, and firearms may be transported to and from the boat for use in Scoter hunting from Sept. 18 to Oct. 20, provided they are encased or taken apart in transporting. Property-owners may also protect their crops and buildings from damage under the same conditions as would be allowed on Sunday.

In the past, it has been legal to hunt any of the so-called unprotected species, such as crows, woodchucks, jays, etc., throughout the year, but this new law absolutely prohibits all hunting and carrying of firearms in the woods and fields during this critical period when the division is active in liberating thousands of pheasants and quail reared on the state's four game farms.

Town Topics

Rev. and Mrs. Willard McKinstry and daughter of Leicester recently visited her parents here, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Morgan of Main St.

Mrs. Charles Wright of Maplewood, N. J. has arrived to spend a short vacation at her summer cottage in Pine Grove on Rustic Ridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schep of Mountain Park have closed their home for a few weeks and are operating the Pioneer Valley Girl camp on the Mohawk Trail between Greenfield and Shelburne.

Miss Ida Sheldon has been spending some time in town with relatives recently and is now located at the Inn in Sharon, Conn.

Youth Hostel Groups Return from Europe

Now that summer is drawing to a close, the sponsored groups which AYH has sent out to all parts of the world are beginning to return. Those which visited the Maritime Provinces and Quebec have already come back to Northfield, and one of the five groups which took the transcontinental Rolling Youth Hostels has also checked in. The Pioneer Group to Alaska is on its way back, and reports some of its experiences as follows: "We had a perfect view of the mountain (Mt. McKinley) with the sun setting bright on the snow, from our camp at the foot of the Muldrow Glacier. Went up to Circle Hot Springs for a swim and on to Circle City in the Yukon. Biked down the highway (Alcan), which is pretty gravelly in places, and took time to visit the Indian villages, see the fish wheels, and look around. No bear trouble either, but you should see the girls in bathing suits being chased by a bull dozer!"

The Youth Argosy flights are beginning to come in from European cities, landing at Bradley Field in Connecticut. The first two flights to arrive have been filled with the Experiment in International Living groups of Putney, Vermont. The only thing marring the homecoming is the three hour wait while Customs officials check all baggage. An interesting sidelight on the international situation, and the runaway inflation which gives the American dollar such a favorable rate of exchange, is one boy's report that he stayed in the new Rome youth hostel for nine days at a cost of 90 cents, and his meals cost 20 cents apiece.

Chuck Harris, his wife and two sons, were in town visiting friends over the week end; Chuck is Regional Director for the Middle Atlantic Region, AYH, and is also AYH Council Executive for New York City. Mr. and Mrs. Archie Stark, also former staff members, stopped in for a brief visit on their way back to Plymouth, N.H. from a trip to New York.

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Public Schools Open Wednesday, Sept. 8

Northfield public schools will open Wednesday, September 8 at the regular time. The teachers return on Tuesday, September 7 for a joint Union meeting with Supt. Taylor.

There was only one resignation in the Northfield system this year, that of the English-Music Supervisor. Due to the addition of a second grade an additional teacher was needed and Mrs. Ruth Stebbins, a former teacher in Northfield has been appointed to the position. The staff organization for the year 1948 - 49 is as follows:

High school principal, George Leonard; vice - principal Evelyn Lawley; Harold McLean, social studies, science and coaching; M. Carleton Brown, commercial department; Beryl Stinson, home economics; Eleanor Merriam, mathematics and social studies; Nellie Dearstine, English and Spanish.

In the Center School:

Building principal and fourth grade, Dorothy Totman; First grades, Ruth Bolton and Elizabeth Hudson; second grades, Virginia Haack and Ruth Stebbins; third grade, Mary Dalton; fifth grade, Evelyn Parker; sixth grade, Elizabeth Bradley. School physician F. Wilton Dean; school nurse, Barbara Mankowsky; penmanship supervisor, W. L. Rinehart.

School lunches will begin Monday September 13, but milk will be available for those who want it from the first day.

The transportation routes are the same as last year.

Principals and teachers will be available for conferences with parents on Tuesday afternoon, September 7.

Persons transferred to Northfield during the summer from other towns must bring transfer records to school the first day.

Town Clerks Helped By Passage of Law

Town Clerk Josephine Haskell, and all other town clerks throughout the Commonwealth, will benefit from the passage of a recent legislative act.

The long-desired improvement pushed by the Town Clerk Association, means that clerks will have all the statutes consolidated into one law. No longer will they have to search through various acts and amendments, but they can go to the 79-item fee schedule quickly, and easily find what they want.

Very few changes in fees have been made, and some new fees have been added. Uniformity of fees is another gain from the new legislation.

To further aid clerks in administering the new law, the Massachusetts Town Clerk's Association now is preparing an alphabetical listing of the fees.

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Town Clerk Has Job Of Registering, 18 - 25

The Board of Selectmen have appointed Town Clerk Josephine Haskell to the job of registering all men in the 18 - 25 age groups. Mrs. Helen Stearns will assist the town clerk in registering the anticipated 125 - 150 eligible in Northfield under the Selective Service law.

The registration will proceed in the following order: year of birth and date of registration are listed together: 1922, August 30; 1923, August 31 or September 1; 1924, September 2 or 3; 1925, September 4 or 7; 1926, September 8 or 9; 1927, September 10 or 11; 1928, Sept. 13 or 14; 1929, Sept. 15 or 16; 1930, Sept. 17 or 18.

Mrs. Haskell will be at her office, on Warwick Ave., from 9 to 5 on above dates, with the exception of September 14, Primary Day, when she will be at the town hall. Those desiring to register on that day can do so at the town hall.

Town Topics

Announcement has been made that State Senator Ralph C. Maher from this district will open individual law offices in Greenfield in the Garden Theatre building, room 203 soon. For the past five years he was associated with the law firm of Stoddard, Ball and Bartlett. His friends in Northfield will wish him every success.

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2. Chaperon your cigarette. Don't let it go out alone.
3. Put every match out cold. Keep live ones out of reach of children.
4. Avoid improper use of gasoline and benzine for home cleaning.
5. Use only electric wiring and appliances bearing the Underwriters' Laboratories seal. Never overload circuits.

Farewell The Press

With great reluctance the former owner and editor of the Northfield Press announces his retirement from the field of journalism. In appreciation of the cooperation of many friends during the past years in assisting to make the Press a representative community newspaper, Mr. Hoehn says "thank you." To the new owner, Mr. Mantunen and his wife, every sincere wish is extended for success. As the town journal for the town's news, the Press will increase and to all I commend the efforts of the new folks in continuing the prestige of the newspaper founded here many years ago, and continued through the years by well-known local citizens.

William F. Hoehn

What's To Be Done

The PRESS has called the attention of its readers many times to the proposal made by the Northfield Historical Society that the town, by virtue of some appropriate ceremonies, commemorate the two anniversaries occurring this year.

Obviously the festivities of 25 years ago cannot be repeated, but there is no question that some note should be taken of neglected historical sites or of hazy historical events.

Skunk Goes to Court

From our neighbor town of Orange comes a story of how a skunk went to court. In the room in the Mann Block, where sessions are held, the Clerk James R. Kimball was at his desk when the little fellow entered, a cute, beautiful appearing animal. Nothing was found on the docket against him although he bore his skunk-like propensities. No charge was made against him except an order for his eviction and this even the police would not undertake. No doubt the court room has witnessed two legged skunks before but this was a four footed animal and more than twice the problem to handle. Nobody wanted him on parole as a pet and nobody came forward to pick him up. The episode happened last week and attracted many interested persons all of whom tried to conjure some plan to get him out. However, with all the commotion the little fellow left the room and went down the stairs to the street of his own accord to join his pals and relate his experiences with the maddening crowd.

Town Topics

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore S. Leonard of Jamaica, N.Y. were recent visitors in town and renewed acquaintances of many friends whom they have not seen for sixteen years. The Leonards were former summer residents of Mountain Park until they sold their place to the late William J. McRoberts.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Watson and children of Syracuse, N.Y. visited his parents, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Robert A. Watson at their summer home in Mountain Park last week and.

THE "SQUEEZE" BOX

(Letters should be limited to 400 words or less. All letters must be signed by the writer - the name will not be used if you so desire.)

The Acid Test

The Editor

Dear Sir:

Reader Stafford, no doubt, means well by calling for someone - be it even a phenologist - to examine our heads (Nfld. Press, Aug. 20, 1948). The two things which Reader Stafford tries to equate, i. e., the case of the Russian school teacher and conditions in our own South, or in mental hospitals, simply are not comparable.

The thinking that lies behind that demand is symptomatic of a certain state of mind, here in America which is due, largely, to the suddenness with which world leadership has been thrust upon a still immature nation and the inability of the average American to imagine what it means to live with a suitcase always standing ready, packed behind the front door and waiting for that fatal knock at the door at four o'clock in the morning when the police come to take you away to a concentration camp.

Reader Stafford's demand that we first clean our own doorstep of Fido's dirt tracks before we dare cast a disapproving look over the fence at the mountainous junk pile in neighbor Russia's backyard, however, is comparable to the case of the housewife who chases every last speck of dust in her living quarters because it might harbor germs but allows papers and oily rags to accumulate in her basement where they create a fire hazard.

Dust will collect, no matter what you do, and so will deplorable conditions in mental hospitals, politics and the South and only regular persistent cleaning can cope with it. But that fire hazard in the out-of-the-way corners of the basement - whether it is of your own doing or that of the tenant downstairs - is potentially more dangerous to your future welfare than the specks of dust on the polished side table or the spider behind the molding strip, unhygienic as they might be.

I suppose that much of this type of thinking can be traced back to our Puritan heritage and is founded, in part, on a literal interpretation of the Biblical dictum "Judge not, that ye be not judged" and the question in the same chapter of Matthew, 7, "Why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye but not the beam that is in thine own eye?"

What most of us, with mistaken humility, overlook is that the Bible does not say that the beam is always in our own eye and the speck of dust always in the brother's. It might, occasionally, be the other way around. And in that case we have a moral obligation - nay, duty, to help our brother with his beam before we run for the boric acid in the medicine cabinet to wash out the speck from our own.

In like fashion "Judge not, that ye be not judged" does not say "Judge not - period," but "Judge so that others will judge you by the wisdom of your judgment."

There is, however, one real acid test that shows the difference in which Reader Stafford overlooks. Does he think that a Russian would dare write a letter of like vein to the editor of a Moscow paper, expect to see it printed and live to tell the tale? If his answer is "Yes," his case is hopeless and I need argue no further. If his answer is "No," he has answered his own argument better than I can do.

Sincerely yours,

Nator.

There Still Is Time

Dear Editor:

Does Northfield wish to celebrate its 275 anniversary of its first settlement and 225th of its incorporation as a town this fall? So far the Selectmen have invited the organization as a town to name two members to represent them on a town committee, after the Historical Society suggested that it was the year to do so. To date very little has been done. The American Legion's representatives are Edward Hurley and William Marshall; the Grange's, Mrs. Mildred Addison and Mrs. Emma Piets; and the Unitarian Churches, Mrs. Marion Goodspeed and Dean Williams. The Historical Society is ready to take part if the Town wants to celebrate. Where are the other organizations, representatives? The Northfield Press will help if given time to do so. Before cold weather there still is time. How little effort we have put in compared with the pioneers whom we should honor for their sterling qualities and courage!

"Historian"

COLONIAL CHRONICLES

History in the Making in Northfield
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Rather early in the 18 years of peace between Father Ralle's War and the so-called French and Indian War in 1731, the Canadian French built Fort St. Frederick near the south end of Lake Champlain on the New York side, thereby advancing their base for an offensive war. Later adjoining this site Lord Jeffrey Amherst supervised the erection of a fort at Crown Point, and since 1929 this ruin can be reached by the Lake Champlain Bridge. In 1875, Temple and Sheldon included in their History of NORTHFIELD, 13 pages entitled "A Short Narrative of the Mischief done by the French and Indian Enemy on the Western Frontiers of the Province of Massachusetts Bay from the beginning of the French War," declared by France and England in 1744 and ending 1748. This account was found as manuscript after the town minister and doctor died in 1749 and was printed in Boston the following year. By this record we find 1744 was eventful only in preparation for war. Even in the next year only in Great Meadow (Putney, Vermont) and Upper Ashuelot (Keene) were there people and cattle killed or captured. William Phipps and Nehemiah Howe, Deacon Josiah Fisher and David Rugg were mentioned, all killed and scalped, except Howe who died in prison in Canada.

Incidentally, this suggests a remarkable tombstone over in Vernon Vt., which among other details tells of William Phipps' widow as having "endured more hardships and passed through more vicissitudes than any of her contemporaries." These commenced in this war and were worse in the next. As an old lady she related them to Rev. Gay, of Hinsdale, N.

H. and 9 pages of his record soon appeared in a text book THE AMERICAN PRECEPTOR printed with the old style of the letter S and reprinted in modern S. Recently Marguerite Allis in writing THE CONNECTICUT RIVER got interested in this pioneer and wrote NOT WITHOUT PERIL about her. Her name was Jenima Sartwell Phipps Howe Tute, having been the widow of both Phipps and Howe (Probably brother of the Howe mentioned above. She had a son Jonathan Tute whose tombstone also phrased by Rev. Gay tells how at 14 he died from inoculation from smallpox. "Behold the amazing alteration, effected by inoculation, the means employed his life to save, hurried him headlong to the grave," is a part of the quotation.

Inoculation preceded the discovery of vaccination and was introduced into England by the family of the English minister to Turkey and spread to America where in Boston certain prominent ministers encouraged it as the less of two evils, for the disease was common and serious. Ben Franklin and his printer brother, when quite young, found it exciting to oppose it in their paper. The Rev. Jonathan Edwards, the renowned preacher of his day, died like Jonathan Tute from inoculation immediately upon becoming third president of Princeton College, just nine years after Rev. Doolittle died in Northfield. Recall that Edwards had preached at Northampton and had instigated a controversy in which he remained conservative and Northfield's minister was liberal: thus many of New England's parishes were divided in these two camps.

(To be continued)

VETERANS BULLETIN BOARD

Widows and parents of members of the armed forces of the United States, who lost their lives in the armed services of the U. S. during World War II, may secure applications for Gold Star Lapel Buttons at the local U. S. Army and U. S. Air Force Recruiting Station, Athol.

M-Sgt. J. Kendy stated that the

law provides that one Gold Star Lapel button will be furnished, without cost, to the widow and to each of the parents.

The term "widow," he added, includes widower; the term "parents," includes mother, father, stepmother, stepfather, mother through adoption, and father through adoption.

Town Topics

Mrs. Brainard Willey and daughter Sylvia of Winchester are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gallup in Tulsa, Oklahoma for a few weeks. Master Robert Willey is at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Willey in Northfield while his mother is away.

A number of young men who have been spending some time with their families on Rustic Ridge and who are veterans of World War II are interested in the formation of the local Post of the VFW here. Another season they hope to visit the local organization sessions upon invitation of Commander John W. Bennett and Adjutant Mott P. Gubee.

The new church building fund of

the Trinitarian Congregational church is reported to have reached the sum of \$31,000. This is the result of two years effort. Contributions are being received and may be sent to the treasurer, George McEwan at any time.

The summer annual fair of the Congregational church which was recently held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Austin Daly of Highland Ave., August 6th has netted the sum of \$500. The amount will be added to the church building fund.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Duncan of Jamaica, N.Y. with their daughter Carol are planning to make a stay at their cottage in Rustic Ridge after Labor Day. Mr. Duncan who has been in a hospital for the past five weeks is making a good recovery.

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The summer season is nearing its close and residents in the out-edges of Rustic Ridge will gather in a final meeting, a picnic party and social at the grounds of the Mount Grace reservation in Warwick on Tuesday afternoon, August 31. There beside the brook, with tables provided and fireplaces ready, luncheon will take place about five o'clock although it is hoped that all will come early by three o'clock and enjoy the program of sports and entertainment. It is hoped that those going by automobile will bring their neighbors, and others needing transportation should call Miss Erb of the Social committee. All summer residents are invited to attend and enjoy the social opportunity. Everyone will bring their own picnic lunch.

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Case of Mental Disease

Schizophrenia, which accounts for about 20 per cent of all patients admitted to our mental hospitals, and manic-depressive psychosis, 10 per cent of first admissions, are sometimes referred to as functional psychoses. There is another group of mental diseases called the organic psychoses, because they are known to have a definite organic basis. Among these are psychosis with cerebral arteriosclerosis (hardening of the arteries of the brain) and senile dementia, both of which come with old age and are due to the breakdown of the human machine. These two types of mental disorders account for almost 22 per cent of the patients admitted to hospitals, and there are strong indications that they will make up even a larger percentage of chronic cases in the future.

Nearly Five Million Autos

The automobile industry expects to build 4,700,000 vehicles, including a new record of 1,100,000 trucks, this year, says Automobile Manufacturers' association. Largest output in the industry's history was 3,300,000 vehicles in the United States was two-thirds of the 1941 total, but replacement parts production to keep old cars running exceeded all past levels with a wholesale value of 1.75 billion dollars. Passenger cars and trucks in use last year numbered 33,946,000, about 437,000 below the 1941 peak, although truck registrations reached a new high of 3,728,000. Motor vehicle scrapage from 1942 through 1946 was at the rate of \$20,000 a year, as new cars continued in short supply.

Race Horse Wires

Probably the first commercial telegraph system in the United States was constructed in 1827 by Harrison G. Dyar, to send results from a race course at Long Island City, N. Y.

Plastics Are Utilized

For Diverse Purposes

Although generally considered as molded articles, plastics are used in many other ways. The use of resins in coatings illustrates the diversity of plastics applications, as pointed out by D. Van Nostrand company's "The New Plastics."

Coatings range from textile treatments to corrosion-resistant industrial finishes for metals. Their utility is increasing in waterproofing textiles, in producing crush-resistant materials and in improving the abrasion resistance of fabrics. They are also important in the paint, varnish, baked-on enamel and lacquer fields.

Laminates range from flexible sheets to materials rivaling steel in strength - weight characteristics. Synthetic resin adhesives have been used to laminate almost anything available in sheet form—even thin sheets of metal have been successfully laminated.

The packaging field makes use of plastic films such as cellophane, ethyl cellulose and vinylidene chloride.

Radio cabinets, automobile handles, hardware novelties and electrical housings are among the best known applications, misjudged by many to represent the whole field. The term plastics, however, does not refer to a single type of material any more than the term metal does.

What Is a Dairy Cow?

The term dairy breed has been accepted by stockmen and investigators as referring to the breeds of cattle that are especially well fitted for production of milk and butterfat. Such breeds represent the efforts made by breeders of many generations toward improving the milking capacity of certain classes of cows. Because of this fact the inherent tendency of registered dairy cows to produce milk is greater than that of a native or unimproved cow. This inherent capacity is transmitted to the offspring.

Married Couples Want 'Prestige' But Not Children

WASHINGTON. — Childless marriages are increasing because Americans are "obsessed with cleanliness" and because new babies aren't worth much in "prestige value."

Dr. Lewis I. Sharp, New York City psychiatrist, made these observations in a report to the National Conference on Family Life.

The report, prepared in collaboration with a New York colleague, S. Bernard Wortis, said there are no "physiological factors" to explain why the rate of childless marriages has doubled in the last 30 years.

"Today one out of every seven American women who marry never have children," it said.

Psychological Reasons

The report cited five "psychological" reasons:

"Cleanliness": People want to be protected from the things that are part of normal healthy childhood.

"Prestige Value": The value of the child is diminishing . . . prestige value of a new automobile is much greater than a new baby.

"Economic": The high cost of having babies is a "very important" factor.

"Milk Bottle": "This has enabled mothers to substitute movies, cocktail parties, and outside work for family life." The child reared by "absentee parents" is apt in later life to be maladjusted in marriage. Such a marriage likely will be short-lived and is unlikely to produce children.

"Weak Men": The male figure today is "weak" . . . washing dishes, doing shopping and frequently passive . . . "It is not remarkable that he has ceased to exert his prerogatives and has retired to the poker game, the club and the national conferences to compensate . . ."

Recommend Subsidies

As one remedy, Sharp and Wortis recommend that the government pay parents subsidies for babies. This was proposed earlier at one of the discussion sections but voted down.

Gifts to Crossnore

For the thirteenth consecutive year a box will be sent to Crossnore School this fall by Mrs. William Hoehn. The school located in the mountain section of North Carolina ministers to a large number of children and supplies the necessities of life to a large number of people of all ages. The schools are an institution in operation throughout the year and most

of its children are orphans and in destitution. The schools have an industrial department and hatters in foods and vegetables. There is an efficient medical provision. Friends in town and in the summer colony will contribute clothing, children's gifts etc., and should call Mrs. Hoehn, phone 536 to have the package collected. The box will reach Crossnore before the Christmas season in time to use the children's gifts.

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STRAW HAT CIRCUIT

Brattleboro Summer Stock Ends Aug. 28

Miss Julie Haydon, now closing out an engagement at the Brattleboro Summer Theatre in THE GLASS MENAGERIE, has announced that she will appear in a revival of PEG O' MY HEART on Broadway this fall.

The late Laurette Taylor, while playing in the GLASS MENAGERIE with Miss Haydon, furnished the inspiration for the revival of this popular old-timer.

THE GLASS MENAGERIE has its last performance in Brattleboro Saturday Evening, August 28 — this will also mean the end of another season of summer stock in Brattleboro.

Town Topics

Rev. Arthur Heeb, pastor of the Unitarian church of Houlton, Me., and former pastor of the Unitarian church here was a visitor in Northfield for a few days last week, the guest of Mrs. Charles E. Leach.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Austin Daly of Highland Ave. have sold a lot of land on Highland Ave. adjoining the home of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Marshall to Mr. and Mrs. Michael M. Urdelwitz of this town who plan to build a residence in the near future.

S. A. Ridgund of Concord, N.H. was a visitor in town last week. He has sold his summer cottage "Pine Needles" in Pine Grove section to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Poling of Springfield, Mass.

Mrs. Ruth Helbig formerly of Detroit, Mich. who has occupied with her son and daughter the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy N. Barrows off Winchester road has rented the Lyman house at the corner of Main and Holton streets for residence. Mrs. Helbig will make her permanent home here as she will be employed in Kenard Hall of the School for Girls.

Miss Mary Frank of Madison, N.J. who has been a guest at the home of her friend, Miss Ethel Lawrence of Mountain Park this summer has returned to her home.

Miss Harriet Weaver who has spent the summer at the home of Mrs. Cornell on Winchester Road has returned to her home at Glen Rock, N.J.

Mrs. Frank Montague was hostess at a luncheon given in honor of Mrs. Allen H. Wright at the Northfield. About thirty friends were present. Mrs. Wright has sold her home on Main street and has moved to Medford.

Rev. Dr. Parker B. Holloway, minister of the First Methodist church of Madison, N.J. who will preach the sermon at the Trinitarian Congregational church here next Sunday morning has been, with his family, summer residents on the Ridge for many years.

Mrs. Gerald Quigley of Main St. was recently visited by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Goodell of Hartford, Conn., who remained for a short stay.

Rev. and Mrs. W. R. McDermott of Long Island city, N. Y. are at

their summer cottage in Mountain Park for the remainder of the season.

Mrs. Lucius Mason who suffered a collapse some weeks ago while on a train enroute from St. Petersburg, Florida to her summer home in Northfield and who was taken to Brattleboro Memorial hospital for treatment has now sufficiently recovered to come here and occupy her summer home in Mountain Park. Her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Mason of Buffalo, N.Y. are with her.

Ernest A. Parker and William F. Hoehn of the local Republican Town Committee are attending the district state meeting at Shelburne Falls this Friday evening to consider plans for an active campaign.

In the Churches

TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, Minister
Announcement for Sunday, August 29.

11:00 a.m. Worship. The Rev. Parker B. Holloway, Minister of the First Methodist Church, Madison, New Jersey, will preach.

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10:30 a.m. Service and Sermon. "A Standard for God's People."
11:30 a.m. Sunday School.
7:00 p.m. Evening service.
Wednesday, August 26,

Radar in Cotton Research

Radar equipment, same as that used in radar waves in the moon and employed with such success by the army and navy during World War II, is being used in cotton and cottonseed research at the University of Texas.

Scientists at the university are using the equipment in a two-fold research project which may be of great benefit in combating cotton plant disease and in the preservation of cottonseed. The radar equipment has been converted for use in experiments to determine whether cotton plant disease can be destroyed by sterilization. By the use of high frequency apparatus converted from radar equipment, the research men hope to reduce the formation of acids which decrease oil value of the seed.

Every citizen of Guatemala is required to contribute the equivalent of two weeks' work, either in money or in labor, toward upkeep of the country's road system.

Guatemala, which grows a large part of the world's supply of bananas and therefore needs good roads, was among the first of the Central American republics to have a highway from border to border.

Catching an Alligator

The next time you want to catch a live alligator, just hold his mouth shut and tie him up. According to the World Book encyclopedia, the animal's jaws are very powerful, but once they are shut, a man can easily hold them closed with his bare hands.

Ancient Industry

Ice has been used by man since before history began. The Romans, in 50 B.C., dug snow from mountain sides and packed it in deep pits, covered with straw and tree boughs, to be cut out later for refrigeration purposes.

Massage These Gums

A new electric vibrator for home use features a rubber cup attachment for gum massage. Three other accessories are a roller for skin stimulation, rubber fingers for the scalp and a rubber cup for tired muscles.

Start of Nylons

Women's nylon hosiery was introduced to the public in May, 1940. Within a year, nylon yarn was established as a major textile fiber in the industry. Toothbrushes with nylon bristles were introduced in 1938.

Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford L. Bolton of Brimam road have announced the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Phyllis to Francis R. Tenney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tenney. Miss Bolton is a graduate of Northfield High School, class of 1948. Tenney is employed in Greenfield. No date has been set for the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Given, of Amherst Road, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Marion, to Donald Lavasseur, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey J. Lavasseur of Hinsdale, N.H. No date has been set for the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. William Mitchell of Hinsdale road, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Helen, to Donald Hutchinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hutchinson of Winchester, N.H.

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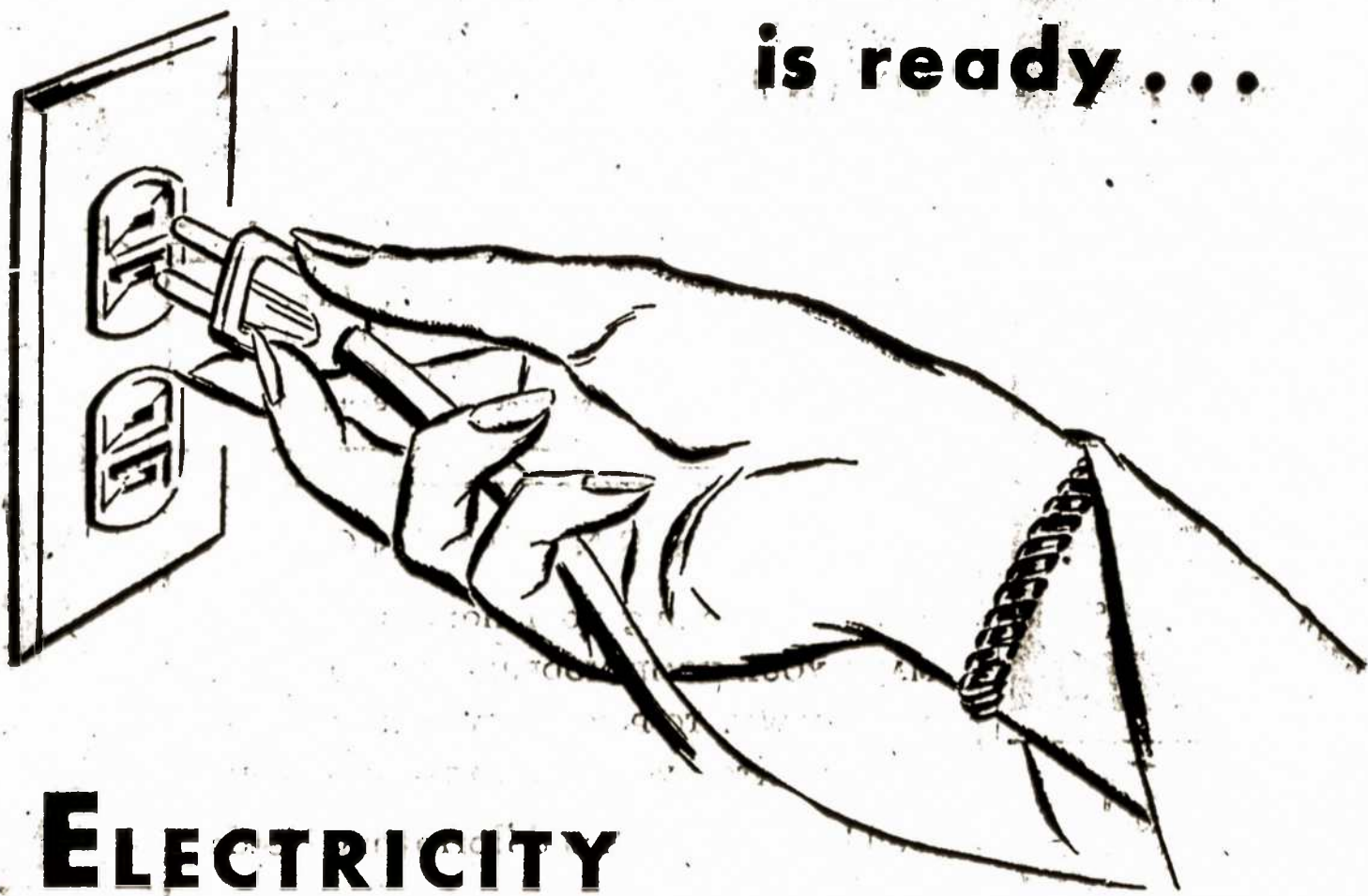
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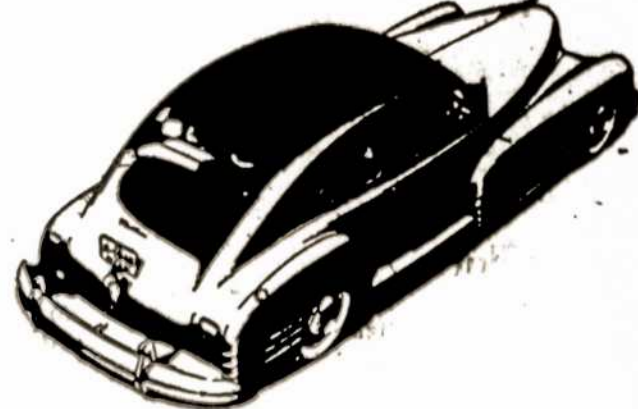
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